

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A method of controlling switching of an operation mode of a TV phone. The TV phone includes a TV unit that reproduces and outputs a video signal and an audio signal from a selected channel. A display unit interfaces with the TV unit and receives and displays the video signals from the TV unit while in a TV mode. A TV audio signal processor receives the audio signal from the TV unit and outputs audible sound. An MRFU receives data of a forward channel transmitted from a base station. An MSP provides a channel selecting signal to the TV unit in the TV mode and transmits and receives an audio signal input from the MRFU in a phone mode. The method comprises the steps of alerting the user of an incoming call in response to an incoming call signal transmitted from the base station when the TV phone is in a TV mode and switching from the TV mode to the phone mode, the switching preferably including disabling the operation of the TV unit.